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The Honorable Joseph F. Murphy, Jr.  
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RE: Code of Judicial Ethics

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Canon 6, of the 2005 Code of Judicial Conduct provides, relevant to recalled judges:

This Code, other than Canon 4C (Charitable, Civic, and Governmental Activities), D(2) (Financial Activities), E (Fiduciary Activities), and F (Service as Arbitrator or Mediator), applies to each former judge of one of those courts who is approved for recall for temporary service under Maryland Constitution, Article IV, § 3A.

A majority of the Study Group on Recalled Judges has recommended to the Court of Appeals that Canon 6 be amended to delete the exemption as to certain recalled judges. The Court has considered that recommendation.

To facilitate further consideration, the Court asks that the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure prepare an amendment to Canon 6 making the entire Code applicable to all judges approved for recall.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature of Robert M. Bell in dark ink.  
Robert M. Bell

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